Indians killed in racial violence

†*100. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that many Indians had been killed in the racial violence which took place in Kranskop and some other cities of South Africa in last few days;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the people of Indian community in some cities of South Africa have been asked to leave South Africa by winding up their business;

(c) if so, whether Government has taken up this matter with the Government of South Africa; and

(d) if so, the outcomes thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Government are not aware of any racial violence in Kranskop or some other cities of South Africa in the last few days. However, incidents targeting foreigners did take place in May 2008. One person of Indian origin was killed and his house burnt at that time.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Rajasthan atomic power project, Rawatbhata

†620.SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production has been stopped in first and second units of Rajasthan Atomic Power Project, Rawatbhata;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the production is likely to start;

(d) total production done in comparison to the production capacity of these two units during last three years and how less electricity Rajasthan got against its prescribed quantum due to this shortage in production;

(e) steps being taken to compensate this loss to Rajasthan; and

(f) whether there is any system under consideration to provide power of Rajasthan's quota from third and fourth units on the same conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to c) The first unit of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS-1) started commercial operation in the year 1973 and had completed 31 years of operation in 2004 when it was shut down for techno-economic evaluation on continuation of its operation. The second unit, RAPS-2 was shut down

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for Feeder Replacement which has been completed. The unit is expected to restart by the end of 2008.

(d) to (f) The generation from RAPS-2 during the years 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 was 1401, 1202 and 327 Million Units respectively (up to 2nd July 2007 when feeder replacement work was taken up). This is above its normative production capacity. Non-availability of RAPS 1&2 has been one of the factors in fixing the allocation to Rajasthan from other Central Generating Stations including Nuclear Power Reactors RAPS 3&4 and Narora Atomic Power Station, NAPS 1&2. Rajasthan has an allocation of about 36% of a total capacity of RAPS 3&4 (440 MWe) which is being supplied at same tariff as that of RAPS-2.

N-power plant in NE region

621. MS. MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up an N-power plant in the NE region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the position of proven uranium deposits in the NE region; and

(d) to what extent these deposits would help to over-come shortage of uranium in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Government is examining such a possibility.

(c) The proven uranium deposits in the North Eastern Region are estimated at 17,233 tonnes of U_3O_8.

(d) The tapping of these reserves could help significantly in overcoming the current uranium shortage and provide fuel for new capacities to be set up in future.

Atomic energy plants in India

†622.SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Atomic Energy plants in India at present and the places these plants are situated and the quantum of energy being produced by these plants, alongwith, State-wise and plant-wise, details thereof;

(b) the percentage of the power requirements of the country, it meets;

(c) the number of plants out of this that are closed due to non-availability of uranium;

(d) the number and the capacity of fast breeder reactors which will be available or allowed to be set up in India as a result of civil nuclear deal executed with USA; and

(e) the quantum of power which will be available in the next 5,10 and 15 years and at what price it will be available?

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